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**Re: Petition of the Palau National Communications Corp.,
CC Docket No. 96-45**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On behalf of the Palau National Communications Corp. ("PNCC"), I had a telephone conversation with Eric Einhorn, Chief, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, about two weeks ago regarding the matter referred to above. We discussed the status of the proceeding and I reiterated points that PNCC has already made in the record of this docket. In addition, I informed Mr. Einhorn that PNCC has agreed to enter into agreements with U.S. international carriers to reduce its international accounting rates with U.S. carriers to levels at or below those specified in the FCC's "benchmark" policy.

I regret the late filing of this *ex parte* notice. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Respectfully submitted,



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cc: Eric Einhorn

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